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PRINTER OF A NEW TYPE

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 3 as follows:

3. (Amended) A printer according to claim 1,

characterized in that the isolating device (7) is comprised by a cage (11) partially enveloping the drive cylinder (4) of the loader (1) by means of a discontinuous peripheral wall, this cage (11) being adapted to occupy at least one first angular position, called an active position, in which at least one portion of the wall isolates the articles to be printed from the drive cylinder (4) of the rotor (1) turning freely and at least one second angular position, a so-called inactive position, in which the wall retracts to permit contact between the article and the